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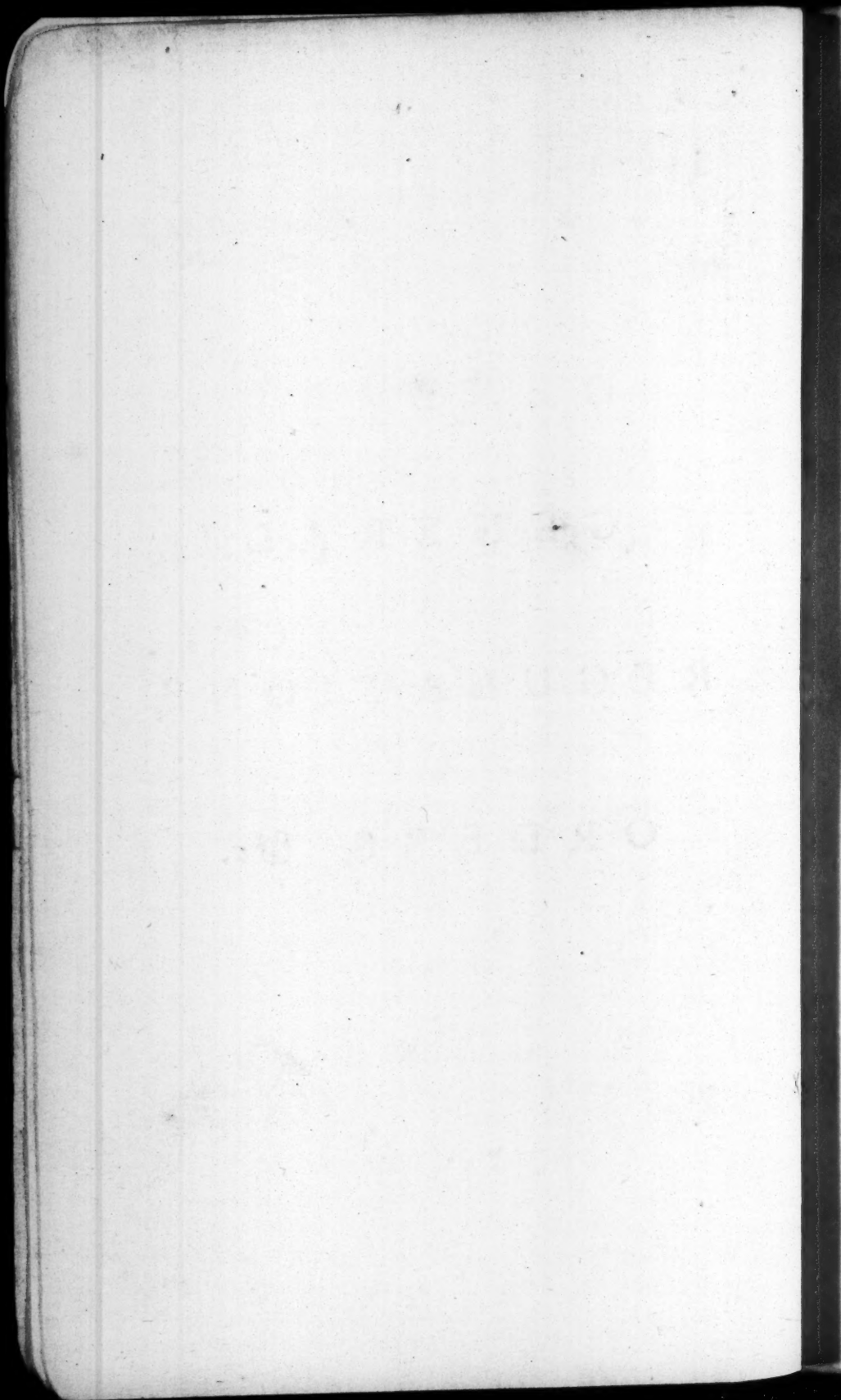
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INTRODUCTION.

THE following Regulations have been drawn up by His Majesty's Command, as a Foundation for establishing amongst His Troops that Uniformity and System, in the Performance of all Exercises and Movements, which are so essentially requisite for Military Operations, and which constitute so great a Part
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of the Excellence of every well-regulated Army.

To remove the various Defects in Discipline, which may have been introduced, either through Negligence, or Prejudice, and confirmed by long Practice, is a Work, that will require both Time and Perseverance to accomplish—as well as a much more particular and extensive Plan of Reform, and Regulation than the present one:——But, as some Undertaking of this Kind appears now to have become so indispensably necessary, that it cannot be any longer delayed, without Injury to his Majesty's Service, the following General

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neral Orders and Instructions, as leading to the Attainment of the important Object in Question, are, by His Majesty's express Command, to be immediately circulated throughout His whole Army; and His Majesty requires the strictest Conformity and Obedience to be paid to the several Particulars therein contained.

BY HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND.

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*Of Forming Recruits, and
Training them to the
Use of Arms.*

THE Recruit is to be taught the several Duties of the Soldier, by Gradation, and regular Stages, as follows;

First,—His Body is to be formed, the Air of the Clown to be banished, and a Manly, Soldier-like Deportment to be acquired.

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Secondly, — He is to learn to march with Ease, and Gracefulness ; and to be taught the Step.

Thirdly, — The Handling of his Arms, and the Manual Exercise.

Fourthly, — Firing, and the Platoon Exercise.

Fifthly, — Firing with Ball.

The Recruit is to be drilled regularly through these several Classes of Exercise, — nor is He, on any Account, to be passed to the second, until He has been made perfect in the first ; — nor to any subsequent degree, until He is become thoroughly Master of that which precedes it.

In the first Stage, he is to learn the true Position of a Soldier ; to keep his Body erect, without Constraint ; his Heels close, and in a Line ; — his Toes a little turned out ; — his Belly rather drawn in, than otherwise ; his Breast projected ; his Shoulders square to the Front, and kept well back ; — his Hands hanging down his Sides, with the Palms close to his Thighs ; — his
Head

Head turned to the Right, so as to bring the Left Eye, in a direct Line with the Center of the Body, with his Looks directed to some fixed Object on the Right.

In order to render this Attitude familiar to him, he must first be practised to stand in it, for ten Minutes, or a Quarter of an Hour, at a Time, with his Back against a Wall, his Heels, the Calves of his Legs, his Shoulders, the Back of his Head, and the Palms of his Hands, all touching the Wall at the same Time.

After having sufficiently practised this Position, to find it easy to him, he is to be removed from the Wall; and habituated in like Manner, to the Support of his whole Person, in an upright, graceful, and independent Posture.

Dressing well to the Right, or Left, when in the Ranks, being essentially requisite, it is now the Time for him to be taught to turn his Head, as Occasion, or the Word of Command, may require, either

to Right, or Left; and to keep it steadily fixed in that Position, as long as may be necessary.

This is also the proper Stage for him to learn to face to the Right, Left, and Right-about, viz.

To the Right, — face.

Two
Motions.

- 1st. Place the Hollow of the Right Foot, briskly behind the Left Heel.
- 2d. Face to the Right, on both Heels.

To the Left, — face.

Two
Motions.

- 1st. Place the Right Heel, against the Inside of the Left Foot.
- 2d. Face to the Left, on both Heels.

To the Right-about, — face.

Three
Motions.

- 1st. Place the Ball of the Right Toe, behind the Left Heel.
- 2d. Face to the Right-about, on both Heels.
- 3d. Bring the Right Foot, briskly to a Line with the Left.

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These Movements having been once rendered easy, and familiar to Him, and the Man become perfect Master of his whole Person, he may proceed to the second Stage,—that of *marching*, beginning first with the slow, or Parade Step, *seventy* within the Minute, and singly by himself;—then with 3, or 4 others, in one Rank;—and afterwards, in larger Ranks.

When sufficiently grounded in the slow Step, he is to proceed to learn the quick, of 120 within the Minute, first singly, and then in Ranks, with others, as before.

The Length of the Pace to be taken, whether in quick, or slow Time, is two Feet four Inches, measuring from Heel to Heel;---Lines should therefore be drawn at that Distance from each other, and the Recruit practised on them, till he becomes thoroughly habituated to the Pace, and takes it as it were mechanically.

This is the Stage likewise in which Recruits are to be exercised in running;—first gently, and for small Distances only, but keeping their Ranks;—afterwards faster, and for at least one, or two hundred Yards at a Time.

They are now also to be taught to *wheel*, in the same gradual Way; first in small Ranks, or Divisions, and afterwards in larger.

When a Recruit has been thoroughly drilled, and perfected in these Exercises, so as to have acquired the entire command of his Person, and to be able to move in all Directions with Ease and Gracefulness, he is to have Arms put into his Hands, and to learn the *Manual Exercise*, beginning first with the Position of *shouldered Arms*;—and when perfect Master of that, he is to be carried successively on, in as plain, simple, and easy a Manner as possible, and without Hurry, to the Performance of the different Motions in the Exercise,—first separately

rately by himself;---then by Two's, Three's, or Four's; ——— and afterwards, in Proportion as He improves in Skill and Dexterity, in larger Divisions, or Squads.

He is next to proceed to the *Platoon Exercise*, practising for some Time the Motions only, in very small Numbers, and in each of the three Ranks, viz, Front, Center, and Rear, so that he may be distinctly seen, and instructed in the just Performance of every one: ——— After being well grounded in the Motions, and proper Attitudes, which cannot be too closely attended to, He proceeds to the Use of Powder, practising the same as before, and firing with Powder, until the Manner of performing this essential Part of the Exercise, in all the three Ranks, with Coolness and Precision, becomes perfectly familiar, and easy to Him.

After He has been thoroughly habituated, by constant drilling for some Time, to the burning of Powder,

der, he may be brought forward to the fifth and last Stage of Instruction, by firing with Ball at a Target ;—which is to be placed, first at a small Distance, from Him, and afterwards at a greater, and in different Situations, until by Perseverance, and an unintermitting Course of Exercise, He learns to hit the Mark, at almost every Shot. —But in order to bring Him to this necessary Degree of Skill and Dexterity, Care must first be taken, that He acquires the Habit of biting off the Top of his Cartridge, so as to feel the Powder in his Mouth ;—of priming well ;—of putting the Cartridge properly into the Muzzle of his Piece ;—and, lastly, of ramming it well down :—Inattention, or Neglect, in any of these material Articles, may render his Fire totally useless, and ineffectual.

When Recruits have thus gone through the several Classes separately, and in the progressive Manner above directed, they are to be
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thrown into Squads, formed in the usual Order of the Battalion, in which They are to go through the whole Exercise, as often as may be found necessary, to render them as expert and perfect in every Part of it, as the old Soldiers;—after which, and not before, they may be permitted to join, and do Duty with, the Regiment.

Order of Review of a Regiment of Foot, consisting of eight Companies, according to the present Establishment.

THE regular, established Order, in which the Infantry in general, is to be formed, is three deep;—This being considered therefore, as one of the fundamental Principles, respecting its Formation, every Regiment of Foot, when assembled for Exercise, or on any other Occasion, is to be drawn up
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in three Ranks :—In Time of Peace however, as at present, when the military Establishment is weak, and the Numbers consequently, of which a Battalion consists, are but small, the Commanding Officers of Regiments are permitted, *till further Orders*, to perform the Exercise, and to go through their Firings, and Manœuvres, two deep :—But the Practice of Firing, and Manœuvring three deep, is to be kept up at the same time ;—nor, at Reviews in particular, is it, on any Account, to be dispensed with, without the Reviewing General's Approbation, which, on all such Occasions, must be applied for accordingly.

The Interval between the Ranks, when at open Order, is to be three Paces ;—and when at close Order, one Pace :—but in the Firings, the Rear Ranks are to lock up, as close as possible.

The Distance between the Files is to be six Inches, reckoning from
Elbow

Elbow to Elbow ;—and between the Companies, one Pace ;—or two, where two officers are to take post, when the ranks are closed ;—the Length of the Pace, is to be two feet, four Inches, from Heel to Heel.

The Left of the Grenadier Company, is to be five Paces distant from the Right Hand Company of the Battalion.

The Right of the Light Infantry Company, is to be five paces distant from the Left Hand Company of the Battalion.

These Intervals are allowed for the Drummers of each Wing of the Battalion, when it is drawn up on Parade, as at present, for a Review ;—but when They fall out, and the Battalion is to be formed for the Firings, and Manœuvres, these two Flank Companies may close inwards, so as to leave only the same Interval, between them and the Battalion, as is between the other Companies, thereby adding a fourth

fourth Grand Division to the Battalion.

The other six Companies, under the Command of their own Captains, or Commanding officers, are to be posted in such manner, that every Grand Division may, if possible, be commanded by a Captain.

The Colonel is to be advanced six Paces in Front of the Colours.

The Lieutenant Colonel, two Paces behind him, and a little to his left.

The Major is to take Post on the Right of the Regiment, between the Pioneers, and the Right of the Grenadier Company;—and the Adjutant on the Left of the Light Company, Both on Horse-back, with Swords drawn, and dressing with the Front Rank of the Regiment.

A Captain is to be posted in the Center, between the Colours, to lead the Battalion.

All the other Officers are to be with their respective Companies, dressed in a straight Line with the Colours, at the Distance of three Paces

Paces from the Front Rank:—The Grenadier, and Light Infantry Officers having their Fuzils, (with the Bayonets upon them), *Ordered*, and the Battalion Officers their Swords, in the following Position.

EXPLANATION I.

The Hilt of the Sword is to be held in the Right Hand, near the Right Hip, and as low down the Right Side, as may be, without Constraint;—the Blade, in a diagonal Line upwards, across the Body, with the Flat against it, and the upper Part of the Blade in the Left Hand, close before the Left Shoulder, with the Thumb running along it, towards the Point.

The Captains on the Right of the Colours, are to cover the second File on the Right of their respective Companies;—their Lieutenants, the second File on the Left of them;—and the Ensigns, a Center File.

The Captains on the Left, are to cover the second File on the Left of
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their Companies;—their Lieutenants, the second File on the Right of them; and the Ensigns a Center File.

The two Eldest Ensigns carrying the Colours, are to be in Front of the Reserve, and in the same Line with the other Officers;—the King's Colour taking the Right of the second Colour.

The Staff Officers are to be posted in the Interval between the Grenadier Company, and the Right of the Battalion, dressing in the same Line with the Officers: The Chaplain on the Right;—the Quarter Master on the Left;—the Surgeon on the Left of the Chaplain; and the Surgeon's Mate on the Left of the Surgeon,

The Serjeant Major is to be in the Rear of the Reserve, two Paces behind the Line of Serjeants.

The Serjeants are to be in the Rear of their Companies, dressed in an exact Line, from Right to Left of the Regiment, at the Distance of
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three Paces from the Rear Rank, and covering Files, in the same Manner as above directed for the Officers; their Fusils, or Halberds, *Ordered* at Arms length; the latter with the Hatchet Side of the Spear outwards.

The Drum Major, with the Drummer and Fifers of the Grenadier Company, are to be on the Right of it, in a single Rank, and dressed with the Front Rank.

The Drummers belonging to the Right Wing of the Battalion are to be also in a single Rank, on the Right of it, between the Grenadiers, and the Right Hand Company.

Those of the Left Wing, are to be on the Left of it, in a single Rank between the Light Infantry Company, and the Left of the Battalion.

The Drummer of the Light Infantry Company, is to be on the Left of it; and the whole to be dressed with the Front Rank of the Regiment.

The Pioneers to be formed two deep, on the Right of the Grenadier Company, at the Distance of six Paces from it, that being the Interval left for the Major:—They are to dress with the Front and Rear Ranks;—Their Firelocks to be slung over the Left Shoulder, and their Hatchets advanced against the same Shoulder, with the Edge towards the Front.

The Musicians to be in one Rank, between the Line of Officers, and the Front Rank of the Center of the Battalion.

In this Disposition, and with Bayonets fixed, the Regiment is to wait the Arrival of the Reviewing General, who is to be received with the Compliments due to his Rank, as set forth in the *Regulation of Military Honors*.

When he is arrived, and approaches the Right of the Regiment, the Commanding Officer is to give the following Word of Command; *Present your Arms*.

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The Instant the Men have performed the last Motion of this Word of Command, which brings them down to the Position of the *Rest*, the Musicians, and Fifers begin to play, and all the Drummers to beat.—The Officers are to salute singly, each Officer endeavouring to time his Beginning in such Manner, as just to have finished the last Motion, when the Reviewing General comes opposite to him.

When he arrives at the proper Distance from the Major, he is to *salute* him with his Sword, in two Motions, as follows :

EXPLANATION II.

First,---Raise the Sword a little way up, from off the Pommel of the Saddle.

Second,---Sink the Point, as far down the Off-Side of the Horse, as the Right Hand will permit without Constraint.

After the General has passed by the Major, He is to bring back his
Sword

Sword to its former Position, at the two following Motions.

EXPLANATION III.

First,---Bring up the Point of the Sword, and hold it in the Position, just above directed, for the first Motion of the *Salute*.

Second,---Bring the Hilt of the Sword, down to its original Position, upon the Pommel of the Saddle.

The Grenadier Officers, are to *Salute* with their Fusils, in seven motions, as follows:

EXPLANATION IV.

Fusil-Salute, Standing.

First,---Face to the Right on both Heels, raising the Fusil at the same Time from the Ground with the Right Hand, and placing the Left, at the Tail-Pipe, or Swell of the Stock, turn the Fusil round, so as to bring the Muzzle in an oblique Line upwards towards the Rear, with the Lock downwards.

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Second, Bring up the Fusil with the Left Hand, to a perpendicular Line; quit it at the same Instant with the Right, and seizing it again with that Hand at the small Part of the Stock, below the Guard, hold it quite upwright, and at the same Distance from the Body, as in the last Motion.

Third, *Salute* with the Fusil, by bringinging down the Point of the Bayonet, to within about a Foot off the Ground, with the Lock upwards.

Fourth, Bring up the Fusil to the Position described in the second Motion.

Fifth, Let go the Right Hand, and sinking the Fusil with the Left, seize it again with the Right near the Muzzle, holding it in the oblique Direction before explained in the first Motion.

Sixth, Quit the Left Hand, bringing it down to the Left Side; at the same Time turn to the Front on both Heels, and plant the Butt of the Fusil on the Ground, with an extended

tended Arm, and in a Line with the Right Side, as in the original Position.

Seventh, Raise the Left Hand, and place it, with the Palm open, against the Cap.

When the General has passed by them, they are to bring down the Left Hand from the Cap, where it was placed at the last Motion of the Salute, with an easy, graceful Motion to the Left Side.

The Sword Salute is to be performed at two motions, and with very little variation from those, just above explained, for the Major.

EXPLANATION V.

Sword-Salute, Standing.

First, Let go the Left Hand, bringing it down to the Left Side;--- at the same Instant raise up the Right nearly as high as the Right Shoulder, holding the Sword in a perpendicular direction, opposite to the Right Breast.

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Second, Bring the Point of the Sword, in an easy, graceful manner, with the Right Hand, as low down towards the ground as that Hand will permit, without constraint.

N. B. The Hat is to remain untouched.

The Officers are to bring up their Swords, when the General has passed them, to their former Position, at the two following Motions.

EXPLANATION VI.

First, Raise up the Sword with the Right Hand, to the Position explained in the First Motion of the *Standing Salute*.

Second, Sink the Hilt of the Sword down the Right Side with the Right Hand, and bringing the Flat of the Blade across the Body, seize it near the Point, held opposite to the Left Shoulder, with the Left Hand, as in the *original* Position, above described, in Explanation I.

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If the Reviewing General's Rank be such, as to entitle him to be saluted by the Colours, they are to salute together, and at the same time with the Lieutenant, or Officer nearest to them, belonging to the Company, upon their Right.

N. B. The Ensigns carrying the Colours are never to take off their Hâts.

The Officers of the Light Infantry Company, perform their *Salute*, in the same manner as is above directed for the Grenadier Officers, in Explanation IV.

The Adjutant will *Salute* with his Sword in two Motions, in the Manner above explained for the Major.

When the Reviewing General is arrived upon the Left of the Regiment, and turns, in order to pass along the Left Flank, the Commanding Officer gives the following Word of Command.

To the Left,——Face.

Upon which the Whole face to
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the Left, in three Motions, the Men with their Firelocks, in the Manner directed in the manual Exercise.

The Grenadier, and Light Infantry Company Officers, with their Fusils, as follows.

EXPLANATION VII.

First, place the Right Heel against the inside of the Left, and raising the Fusil up from the Ground with the Right Hand, bring it up before the Center of the Body, seizing it with the Left at the same time, at the Swell of the Stock, with the Guard to the Front.

Second, Face to the Left on both Heels, keeping the Fusil in the same Position.

Third, Plant the Butt of the Fusil on the Ground again, with an extended Arm to the Right, and throw back the Left Hand to the Left Side.

The Battalion Officers, with their Swords, are to face, as follows.

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EXPLANATION VIII.

First, Place the Right Heel, against the Hollow of the Left Foot, and throwing back, at the same Instant, the Left Hand, to the Left Side, bring up the Sword with the Right, to a perpendicular Direction, before the Right Breast, holding it in the Position, above described, in the first Motion of the *Standing Salute*, Explanation V.

Second, Face to the Left on both Heels, keeping the Sword, and both Hands, in the same Position.

Third, Sink the Hilt of the Sword down with the Right Hand, near to the Right Hip, and bringing up the Blade across the Body, seize it again with the Left, towards the Point, nearly opposite to the Left Shoulder, as explained in the *original* Position, Explanation I.

The Serjeants perform the same Number of Motions with their Halberds, and Fusils, in the Facings, which their respective Officers do with their Swords, and Fusils.

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As soon as the Reviewing General has passed the Left Flank of the Regiment, and gets into the Rear, the Commanding Officer in the Front, repeats the former Word of Command ;

To the Left, — face.

on which the Regiment faces again to the Left, the Whole performing the same Motions, as before.

The same Word of Command is repeated, when the Reviewing General, after having passed along the Rear Rank, comes upon the Right Flank of the Regiment.

The same a fourth Time also, which brings the Regiment to its proper Front again, after the Reviewing General has gone quite round it.

N. B. It is to be observed, as a general Rule, that in all Facings, throughout the whole Exercise, the Left Foot must be kept fast.

While the Reviewing General is advancing to take his Post in the Front,

Front, the Commanding Officer gives the Word of Command ;

Shoulder your Firelocks.

Upon which the Regiment shoulders; and being then to march past the Reviewing General, in Grand Divisions, the Commanding Officer proceeds, as follows ;

Rear Ranks, close to the Front.

On this Word of Command, all the Officers, excepting the Lieutenant Colonel (in Case the Colonel should be present) and the Ensigns carrying the Colours, go to the Right-about, advancing their Arms, in three Motions, as follows, taking them from the Right, in order to perform them together.

EXPLANATION IX.

The Grenadier and Light Infantry Officers, at the first Motion, slip the Right Hand as far down the Fusil as they can without Constraint, placing

placing at the same Time the Right Foot behind the Left Heel.

Second, Raise the Fusil from the Ground with the Right Hand, and bringing it nimbly over to the Left Side of the Body, seize it with the Left at the Cock, facing at the same Instant to the Right-about on both Heels.

Third, Place the Right Foot in a Line with the Left, and throw back the Right Hand to the Right Side, letting the Fusil fall against the Left Shoulder in the Left Hand, grasping the Cock,

EXPLANATION X.

First, The Battalion Officers with their Swords, bring then up, at the first Motion, to the *Recover*, or perpendicular Direction, above described, in the first Motion of Explanation VIII. placing at the same Instant the Right Foot behind the Left Heel.

Second, They face to the Right-about on both Heels, bringing the
Hilt

Hilt of the Sword, with the Right Hand, as low down the Right Side, as it will permit without Constraint, and seizing the upper Part of the Blade, at the same Instant, with the Left, against the Hollow of the Right Shoulder.

Third, Raise the Right Foot, and planting it in a Line with the Left, throw back, at the same Time, the Left Hand to the Left Side, holding the Hilt of the Sword, firm in the Right Hand, against the Outside of the Right Thigh, the Blade running up the Right Side, and resting against the Hollow of the Right Shoulder.

The Serjeants advance their Arms, in three Motions, and in the same Manner as their respective Officers advance theirs, only standing fast.

The Ensigns carrying the Colours; as also the Musicians, face to the Right in two regular Motions.

The Lieutenant Colonel faces to the Left.

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All the Drummers on the Right Wing, are to face, in two Motions, to the Left; and all those on the Left Wing, are to face at two, to the Right.

When the Commanding Officer gives the Word,

March,

The Rear Ranks close to the Front, the Center Rank taking two Paces, and the Rear Rank four.

The Officers move into their respective Intervals, then face to the Right-about again, at three regular Motions, as above described in Explanation VIII. but keeping their Arms advanced against their Sides, and dressing exactly with the Front Rank.

The Serjeants in the Rear, move into the Intervals, on the Right and Left of the Companies they belong to, covering the Officers, and dressing with the Rear Rank.

The Commanding Officer then gives the following Word of Command,

*By Grand Divisions, to the Right,
—wheel;*

on which, the Right Hand Man of the Front Rank of every Grand Division, faces directly square to the Right, for it to dress by, after having wheeled; and Heads are turned to the Left, the Wheeling Hand; that of the Officer, non-commissioned Officer, or private Man, on the Left of the Front Rank excepted, who looks steadily to the Right, in order to conduct the Wheel with Regularity.

March.

The Grenadiers, the three Grand Divisions, and the Light Infantry Company, wheel instantly, in quick Time, a Quarter of the Circle to the Right, and *Halt*, by Word of Command, from their respective Leaders.

The Colonel now moves to his Post, at the Head of the first Grand Division.

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The Lieutenant Colonel into the Rear of the third Grand Division.

The Ensigns carrying the Colours, place themselves before the Center of the third Grand Division, at the Distance of three Paces from the Front Rank.

The Major takes his Post, at the Head of the Grenadier Company; and the Adjutant, in the Rear of the Light Infantry Company.

The Staff Officers place themselves, in a single Rank, as before, about three Paces before the Colonel, in Front of the first Grand Division.

The Musicians, about three Paces before the Staff Officers, and at about the same Distance from the Rear of the Grenadiers: But after They have passed by the Reviewing General, they are to fall out, and form in a single Rank, opposite to Him, upon the Left Flank of the Battalion, playing the Regimental March.

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The Pioneers move forwards, and post themselves in a single Rank, about twenty Paces before the Grenadiers, leaving that Interval between them, and the Head of the Grenadier Company, for the Major on Horseback.

The Drummer and Fifers of the Grenadier Company, fall into the Rear of that Company.

The other Drummers of the Right Wing, place themselves in the Rear of their respective Divisions.

Those of the Left Wing, in the Rear of theirs;---and the Light Infantry Drummer, in the Rear of that Company.

As the Grenadier and Light Infantry Companies, will be out flanked after the Wheel, by the Grand Divisions, they must incline to the Left, in such Manner, as that the Pivot Flanks of the Whole may cover.

The Major, being at the Head of the Grenadier Company, or first Division of the Regiment, then gives the word.

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March,

March,

which being instantly repeated by every Leader of a Division, (as must every other Word of Command, so long as the Battalion remains in Column) the Whole is put in Motion, dressing to the Left, the proper Pivot Flank.

Halt.

To the Left Wheel.

Heads to be turned instantly to the Right, and the Left Hand Man of the Front Rank to face square to the Left.

March.

Halt.

March.

At these Words of Command from the Major, as before, the Grenadier Company wheels to the Left, Halts, and then marches on again.---each of the Grand Divisions, and the Light Company doing the same, in
successive

ſucceſſive Order, and by Word of Command from their reſpective Leaders, as they arrive at the Ground, on which the Grenadiers wheeled.

Whether the Regiment, in moving firſt off its Ground, towards the Re-viewing General, is to march in quick, or ſlow Time, will of Courſe be particularly ordered:---But it is to be obſerved, as an eſtabliſhed Rule for the future, that when troops are moving in *ſlow* Time, they are to march ſeventy Paces, within the Minute;---and in *quick* Time, one hundred and twenty.

The oldeſt, or leading Officer, at the Head of each Diviſion, will take the Command of it, by giving any Orders that may be neceſſary on the March; and likewise the Time to the other Officers, in Saluting the General.

Halt.

To the Left, Wheel.

Halt.

March.

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This wheel is to be performed exactly in the same Manner, as the preceding one, which brings them to the Line, on which they are to march past the Reviewing General.

In this second Wheel, the leading Grand Division, will take care to begin its Wheel, as much short of the Ground, on which the Grenadier Company wheeled, as will, when it is completed, bring the Right Flank, instead of the Left, to line.---The same to be attended to, by the succeeding Grand Divisions.---But the Light Company, whose Front will not be more extensive, than that of the Grenadier Company, is to move up to the same Ground, before it begins its wheel.

Should the Column have been marching in quick Time, the Divisions, will be *halted* in alternate Order, by their respective Leaders, after they have severally performed this last Wheel; and then be marched off again in slow Time.

When the Divisions arrive within
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about forty or fifty Paces off the General, they are successively, to take open Order, by receiving the following Word of Command for it from their respective Leaders.

Rear-Ranks, take open Distance.

On which the Ranks are to gain their open Order, by allowing the Front Rank to move on a little, and the Drummers fall in, between the Front and Center; the Regiment marching on in slow Time.

The Officers are likewise to move out, three regular Paces to the Front, and then bring down their Arms to the *Trailing* Position together, taking the Motions from the Right, viz. the Grenadier officers first, their Fusils from their Left Sides, at two Motions as follows.

EXPLANATION XI.

First, Seize the Fusil with the Right Hand, near the Tail-pipe, or Swell of the Stock.

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Second,

Second, Quit the Fusil with the Left Hand, and bring it over with the Right to the Right Side, to the Position of *Trailing*.

The Battalion Officers are to bring their Swords, from their Right Sides, to their original Position, across their Bodies, in two Motions as follows,

EXPLANATION XII.

First, Place the Left Hand upon the Blade, at the Hollow of the Right Shoulder.

Second, Bring up the Sword, from the Right Side, to the *original* Position, across the Body, with the Left Hand, near the Point of the Blade, as above directed in Explanation I.

Foot and Hand are to go together in the Performance of all these Motions; and it is moreover to be observed as a general Rule, in marching with open Ranks, that the Officers at the Head of each Division, are constantly to keep at their fixed Distance of three Paces from the Front Rank; and to remain always dressed in a
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straight Line with the Commanding Officer of the Division upon the Flank.

The Flank Officers are to cover the Second Files on the Right and Left of their respective Divisions ; and the intermediate Space to be equally divided amongst the other Officers : The Intervals between the Divisions are to be equal to their Front, reckoning from the Front Rank of the leading Division, to the Front Rank of that, which follows.

When the Major on horse-back, advanced before the Grenadier Company, comes nearly opposite to the Reviewing General, He is to *Salute* Him with his Sword, in two Motions, as above directed, in Explanation II. and after he has passed by Him, he is to bring back his Sword to its former Position, in two Motions, as directed in Explanation III.

When the Grenadier Officers arrive within about six Paces off the Reviewing General, they are to *Salute* Him in Four Motions, as follows,

lows, taking them from the Captain.

EXPLANATION XIII.

Fusil Salute, *Marching*.

First, In stepping with the Right Foot, dart the Muzzle of the Fusil with the Right Hand, in a direct Line forwards, so as to bring it nearly to a Level.

Second, At the next Step with the Left Foot, turn the Fusil round about, so as to bring the Muzzle sloping upwards, towards the Rear, with the Lock downwards, placing the Left Hand, at the same Time, upon the small Part of the Stock behind the Guard.

Third, At the next step with the Right Foot, *Salute* with the Fusil, by turning it round towards the Front, so as to bring the Point of the Bayonet near the Ground, with the Lock upwards, and throwing back the Left Hand to the Left Side, as explained above, in the *Standing Salute*.

Fourth,

Fourth, At the succeeding Step with the Left Foot, raise the Left Hand, and place it, with the Palm open, against the Cap.

After having passed the General about ten Paces, they are to bring the Fusil back again, to the *Trailing* Position, in two Motions.

EXPLANATION XIV.

First, Bring the Left Hand down from the Cap to the Left Side.

Second, Bring the Fusil back with the Right Hand, to the Position of *Trailing*.

The Colonel, after He has finished his *Salute* at the Head of the Battalion, and marched past the General, will return, and post himself near him.

The Staff Officers in marching past the General, Salute Him by taking off their Hats.

The Musicians, drawn up opposite to the General, are to continue playing the Regimental March, till the whole Regiment has marched by.

When the Battalion Officers are within about ten large Paces off the Reviewing General, they are to *Salute* in two Motions, as follows, taking them from the Officer on the Right, and beginning with the Left Foot.

EXPLANATION XV.

Sword-salute, *marching*.

First, In stepping out with the left Foot, let go the Left Hand, bringing it down to the Left Side; raise the Sword, at the same Instant, with the Right, to the perpendicular Direction, described in the first Motion of the *Standing Salute*, Explanation V.

Second, At the next Step with the Right Foot, *salute* with the Sword, by bringing down the Point, with the Right Hand towards the Ground, to the Position described in the second Motion of Explanation V.

When they have marched about ten or twelve Paces past the Reviewing General, they are to bring

up their Swords, to their former Position, at two Motions, as follows, taking them, as before, from the Officer on the Right, and beginning with the Left Foot;

EXPLANATION XVI.

First, In stepping with the Left Foot, raise up the Sword with the Right Hand to the Position above described, in the first Motion of the *Standing Salute*.

Second, At the next step with the Right Foot, sink the Hilt of the Sword, down to the Right Hip, bringing the Flat of the Blade, at the same Instant, across the Body, and seizing it near the Point, with the Left Hand, over against the Left Shoulder, as in the second Motion of Explanation VI.

When the Lieutenant Colonel, in the Rear of the Battalion, has finished his *Salute*, the Light Infantry Officers are to *Salute*, in the Manner directed for the Grenadier Officers.

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The Adjutant in the Rear of the Whole, will *Salute* with his Sword in two Motions, as above explained for the Major.

The Officers commanding Divisions will close the Rear Ranks again, before they make the first Wheel, after having passed by the Reviewing General; Those at the Head of the Leading ones, taking Care, Each in his Turn, not to give the Word for it, till the Division next succeeding, has marched past Him.

The Officers, when the Ranks close up, are to advance their Arms to their Sides again, and to move into their former Posts in the Ranks; and the Drummers are to fall into the Rear.—The Grenadier Company, or leading Division of the Whole, must be attentive not to march too fast, till the last Division has passed by the General, and closed Ranks, which being done, its Commanding Officer gives the Word,
Quick,

Quick, March:

The Officers at the Head of all the other Divisions, from Front to Rear, in successive Order, immediately repeat the same, and the whole move on in quick Time, till after the second Wheel, when the Officer leading the 1st Grand Division gives the Word,

Form Sub-Divisions.

The Commanding Officer of the succeeding Grand Division, doing the same, by the same Word of Command, upon which they instantly break off, the Right Hand Sub-Division of each Grand Division, inclining obliquely to the Left; and the Left Hand Sub-Division to the Right, till they come to cover exactly, and have got their proper Intervals, when the Word,

Forwards, must be given by the Commanding Officer of every Division, from Front to Rear;---upon which the Whole moves on in quick Time,

Time, till the Front Division is arrived at the Point, where the Right of the Battalion originally stood, when it is to wheel to the Left, as before, by the following Words of Command,

Halt.

To the Left, wheel.

Halt.

March.

given by its own Leader, as before directed, every succeeding Division of the Column doing the same.

The same is to be repeated, when the Front Division arrives again at the Line, on which it is to march the second Time past the Reviewing General ;---the other Divisions, successively, doing the same.

The Whole keeps moving on, in quick Time, as before. and marches past the General again, the Officers not saluting, or paying any Compliment to him, as they pass ; but being very attentive to preserve the proper

proper Intervals between the Division.

The Major still leads the Grenadiers ;---the Adjutant in the Rear of the Light Company ;---the Colours in Front of the fourth Company of the Battalion ;---the Musick, advanced as before, in front of the first Battalion Company ;---the Pioneers in Front of the Whole ;---and the Drummers, in the Rear of their respective Companies.

The Staff Officers are usually permitted to fall out, after having marched past the Reviewing General once, and are not required to take their Posts again, during the Rest of the Review.

By the Left, Dress.

Each Division in successive Order, after it has passed the General, will dress to the Left, the proper Pivot Flank.——*Halt.*

To the Left, Wheel.

Heads turn to the Right, the wheeling Flank.

Halt.

Halt.

By the Left, Dress.

March.

The Column continues its March in quick Time, the leading Division making its two Wheels, by the same Words of Command, the last of which brings it to the Line, on which the Regiment was originally drawn up;—and all the succeeding Divisions doing the same, taking the utmost Care, to preserve their due Intervals, and to keep the Left, or Pivot Files, exactly covered.

When the Grenadiers arrive at their Ground, the Major gives them the Word,

Halt.

Every succeeding Division being halted in like Manner, by its respective Leader, upon its proper Ground.

The Major then sees that the Pivot Flanks of the whole are exactly

actly dressed previous to the Colonel's, or Commanding Officer's giving the following Command, for the Regiment to form.

To the Left Wheel, and form Battalion.

Heads to be turned instantly to the Right.

March.

All the Divisions wheel up to the Left together, and

Halt.

The Whole stands fast, with Heads turned to the Right, and perfectly steady.

Rear Ranks, take open Distance.

The Lieutenant Colonel,—as also the Musicians, and Pioneers, face towards the Center.

The Flank Men on the Right of the Rear Ranks, step briskly back, to mark the Ground, on which each respectively is to halt, and dress, at open Order.

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March.

The Rear Ranks move back, their two and four Paces, each dressing by the Right, the Instant it arrives upon its Ground.

The Serjeants step back with the Men, posting themselves, as before, in a straight Line, at three Paces Distance from the Rear Rank, and ordering their Halberds, at regular Motions.

The Lieutenant Colonel marches to his Post, in Front of the Colours, in the Center.

The other Officers take their three Paces to the Front, dressing in a Line to the Right, and changing the Position of their Arms, at regular Motions, together, viz. the Grenadier, and Light Infantry Officers, ordering their Fusils; --- and the Battalion-officers bringing their Swords, to the *original* Position, as directed in Explanation XII.

The Drummers move to their former Position, upon the Flanks.—
The Musicians, to theirs, between
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the Colours, and the Reserve;—and the Pioneers, into the Rear of the Center, posting themselves three Paces, as before, behind the Line of Serjeants.

The General Salute.

THE Whole being well dressed, and perfectly steady, the Colonel proceeds to the performance of the *Manual Exercise*, beginning with the *General Salute*, as follows ;

Present your Arms.

The Instant the Men come down to the *Rest*, the Officers of the whole Regiment, begin their *Salute* at once, taking the Motions from the Officer commanding the Grenadier Company upon the Right, who is on that Account, to be advanced a little before the Line of Officers, so that He may be seen distinctly, from the Left of the Regiment.

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This *General Salute*, is to be considered as a Part of the Exercise, and no Compliment to the Reviewing General, let his Rank be what it will; the Ensigns therefore, who carry the Colours, are to drop them, at the same time the Colonel, and other Officers, drop their Swords, in performing the last Motion of their *Salute*; keeping them down, till the Signal is given from the Right as before, for the Officers, to bring back their Arms to their former Position.

The Musicians are to play, *God save Great George, our King, &c.* and all the Drummers to beat a *March*, beginning at the Instant the Officers drop their Arms; and continuing, till the Commanding Officer makes a Signal for them to cease, previous to his giving the Word of Command for the Men to Shoulder their Firelocks.

Shoulder your Firelocks.

The Men Shoulder their Firelocks, after which the Major takes Post,

in the Front of the Regiment, and prepares it for the performance of the Manual Exercise, by the following Word of Command.

Unfix your Bayonets.

This being done, He proceeds with the Manual Exercise.

Position

Position of a Soldier under Arms.

HE is to stand perfectly upright, and firm upon his Legs ; His Heels close ;—his Toes a little turned out ;—his Belly rather drawn in, than otherwise ;—his Breast projected ;—Shoulders square to the Front, and kept well back ;—his Head turned a little to the Right, so as to bring the Left Eye in a direct Line with the Center of the Body ;—the Right Hand hanging straight down the Right side, with the Palm close, but not pressed, against the Right Thigh.—The Firelock carried

ried in the Left Hand, against the Hollow of the Left Shoulder, with the Butt as low down as can be permitted without constraint;—the three last Fingers under it, and the Fore Finger, and Thumb, over the Point, or Swell;—the Flat to be pressed against the Hip Bone, so as to keep the Piece steady, and firm before the Hollow of the Shoulder;—and neither leaning towards the Head, nor from it.

Previous to the Explanation of the *Manual Exercise*, it is necessary to observe, that the Time which is now allowed, for the Performance of it, from beginning to End, is two Minutes, and a half;—and one Minute more, for going through the Motions of Firing the three Ranks, Front, Center, and Rear;—making three Minutes, and a half, for the Whole.

The Men are to be perfectly steady and attentive, without the smallest Movement of the Head, Hand, Foot, or any Part of the Body, otherwise than as the Exercise

cise directs ;—and every Motion, is to be caught at the Instant, the Signal is made for it ; and to be performed with as much spirit and vivacity, as possible.

The Manual Exercise being performed, the Major returns to his Post upon the Right of the Grenadier Company.

The Commanding Officer then prepares the Regiment for the Firings, by ordering it to *Prime and Load*, and *closing the Rear Ranks*, at which last word of Command, the Officers are to fall into their respective Posts in the Front Rank, the Supernumerary ones going into the Rear of their Companies, and the Serjeants stepping up into the intervals in the Rear Ranks, to cover their Officers. The Major, and Drummers of the Right Wing, with the two Fifers, move into the Rear of that Wing ;—and the Adjutant and Drummers of the Left Wing, into the Rear of the Left Wing :—The Musicians
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into the Rear of the Center, behind the Pioneers.

The Two Files, on the Right and Left of the Colours, are to form the Reserve, during the Firings.

After the usual Firings have been performed, from Flanks to Center, and from Center to Flanks, by Sub-Divisions, (or Companies,) Grand Divisions, and Wings, standing, advancing, and retreating, the Commanding Officer will then make the Battalion go through such Movements, and Manœuvres, as the Reviewing General may think proper to order.

Of Marching in Line, and Column.

ALL Marches and Movements, are to be made in given Lines;—and all Formations, on fixed and determined Objects:—Intelligent Officers, and Non-commissioned Officers, must be occasionally detached, to ascertain Points, and Distances; and to facilitate the just Performance of every Movement, that may be ordered.

No new Position is to be taken, but from a Halt;—except with Regard to the Direction of Heads of Files, or of Columns, which may
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occasionally be altered, while in March.

Words of Command, are always to be given loud, and in a sharp Tone of Voice, the Justness, and Accuracy of Execution, depending so much on their being distinctly heard, and clearly understood.

The Use of Drums, or Trumpets; —and of Musick, is to be avoided, as much as possible; —the former may be had recourse to sometimes, for the Circulation of general Signals; —but the Voice is the best, and safest Engine to be employed, in the immediate Communication of all Orders to Troops under Arms, so as to prevent Disorder, and Confusion, in the Execution of them.

The Regiment being completely formed, dressed by the Right, as usual, when halted, and in Readiness for any Movement, that may be ordered; —if it is to march in a direct Line to the Front, the Commanding Officer having first closed the Ranks, prepares it for such
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Movement, by the following Caution.

The Battalion will move forwards.

On this the Captain posted in the Center of the Front-Rank, and the Ensigns carrying the Colours, are to step out two quick Paces to the Front, in order that they may be distinctly seen by the whole Battalion, both Wings of which are immediately to look to them, and to keep constantly dressed by them, in marching.

The Captain, (having placed Himself between the Colours, to lead the Battalion,) instantly pitches upon some fixed, and conspicuous Object, at a Distance before him, and in a straight Line to the Front, as a Point of View, by which He is to direct his March.

At the next Word of Command,

March,

the Battalion steps off with the Left Feet, dressing by the Center: The Captain posted there to lead it,

keeps his Eye, steadily fixed upon the Point of View before him:— but it being very difficult, if not impracticable for him, to March in a direct Line to the Front, without having two objects in the same Line of Direction, to march upon, he must therefore fix upon a second, such as a Bush, a large Tuft of Grass, or any thing else of that kind, that may present itself upon the Surface of the Ground, immediately before him, and is in a straight Line, with the first, and more distant Object.— Both these he is to keep constantly in Sight, the one covered exactly by the other:—and when the Battalion arrives near to the first, he is immediately to change it for some other that may offer, to answer the same Purpose, taking the utmost Care to march straight forwards towards these two objects, kept constantly in an exact Line behind each other, and to renew them occasionally, so long as the Battalion continues marching in the same direction.

On Occasions, where no second, or intermediate Objects, such as are here required, present themselves, in the Line of March of the Battalion, the Commanding Officer must advance intelligent Officers, or Non-commissioned Officers, to the proper Places, to answer the same purpose.

When the Commanding Officer has chosen the Ground, on which the Battalion is to halt, two distant Objects are likewise to be fixed upon, as Points of Alignment, by which it is to dress, when halted; one, upon its Right Flank, and the other, upon its Left; such as a Church-Steeple, House, Windmill, Tree, or other conspicuous, and fixed Object at a Distance, that may offer for that Purpose.—It will be also necessary to have two intermediate Objects, placed between the two extreme ones, such as two Officers, Non-commissioned Officers or other proper Persons advanced for that End, whose Business it will be, to ascertain

ascertain the Line direct between the two extreme, and distant Objects, just above mentioned, by both of them keeping moving on untill Each gets the Other, in a straight Line with the fixed object beyond him:—without this Aid, it will not be possible, to determine with Accuracy, and Precision, the true Line of Formation for the Battalion.

When the Battalion arrives at the Ground, where it is to halt, the Commanding Officer gives the Word,

Battalion.

On which the Captain, and Ensigns carrying the Colours, before the Center of the Battalion, who are supposed to be in an exact Line with the given Points of Alignment upon the Flanks, instantly halt.

The Battalion takes the two Steps, to bring it to a Line with the Colours, on which the Word of Command is given ;

Halt.

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The Battalion stands fast.

By the Right,——Dress.

The Whole look to the Right.

When the Battalion is to wheel by Sub-Divisions, or Companies, from Line to form Column, to either Flank, the Commanding Officer will give the Word of Command for it, if to the Right, as follows,

Battalion, by Sub-Divisions, (or Companies,) to the Right, Wheel.

On this, being the Caution only, the Pivot-Man on the Right of each Division in the Battalion, is instantly to face square to the Right; the Rest of the Division, are, at the same Moment, to turn their Heads to the Left, the wheeling Hand, the Officer, or Non commissioned Officer, upon the Left of the Front Rank excepted, who is to look steadily to the Pivot-Man,

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in order to regulate the Wheel, and to keep the Ranks dressed.

March.

Every Division in the Battalion steps off with the Left Feet, and wheels with an even, uniform Front, a Quarter of the Circle to the Right, till they come to dress exactly with their respective Pivot-Man, upon the Flank.

Halt.

This Word of Command is to be given by the Commanding Officer, of the Battalion at the Head of the first Division, and to be repeated briskly, and with a loud, distinct Voice, by the Leader of every succeeding Division, from the Front of the Battalion, now in Column, to the Rear of it.

March.

This Word being given by the Leaders of Divisions, as before, with as much rapidity as possible from Front to Rear, the Whole steps off
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with the Left Feet, in quick, or slow time, as may have been ordered.

The Pivot-Files, being always the Left Files, when the Line is broken to the Right ;—and the Right Files when it is broken to the Left, are to keep invariably, during the March, in the Line of Direction of the Pivot File of the leading Division, covering it exactly, and every Division preserving its proper Interval, reckoning always from the Front Rank, (as has already been observed) of that which precedes it, so that the Line may be at all Times formed regularly, and instantaneously, when ordered.

So long as the Battalion remains in Column, all Movements are ordered by the Commanding Officer to the leading Division, and repeated by the Leaders of every successive Division.

When the Column arrives at the Line of Direction, on which it is to form, the Commanding Officer gives the following Word, to the leading Division, which is to be rapidly re-

peated by the Leaders of all the others ;

Halt.

By Sub-Divisions, (or Companies,) to the Left wheel, and form Battalion.

The Instant this Caution is given, and repeated from Front to Rear, the Pivot-Man on the Left of the Front Rank of every Division, faces square to the Left.—The Pivot, or Left Hand Files of the whole Column, are to be exactly dressed ;—the Intervals, and wheeling Distances accurately attended to ;—and Heads turned to the Right.

March.

On this Word of Command, rapidly repeated, as before, from Front to Rear, the Divisions wheel up to the Left, and form in Line.

Halt.

Given by the Leaders of Divisions, on which the whole Battalion, being formed, and exactly dressed with the
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given Points of Alignment, stands perfectly steady, with Heads to the Right, and without moving Hand, or Foot.

All Wheelings of a Column, like this, in March, are to be performed in quick Time, in order to prevent the succeeding Divisions, in Proportion as they arrive at the Ground, where their Leaders wheeled, from being stopped, or retarded, which in a Column of any considerable Length, might be productive of bad Consequences;—especially if any sudden Emergency should happen, to render an instantaneous Formation of the Line necessary:—This Inconvenience, however, may be effectually prevented by the following simple Movement, not improperly called, the *Sliding Pivot*, viz. at the Word of Command,

To the Right, (or Left,)—Wheel.

The Pivot-Man of the Front Rank, faces, as is already directed, square

to the new Line of March :--- at the Word,

March.

the Division begins its Wheel when the Pivot-Man, instead of keeping his Ground, is to take two Paces in the new Direction, the Center, and Rear Rank Man of the same File, facing also, the Instant they arrive on the Spot, where their Leader faced; and then following him :--- The Rest of the Division, inclines to the Pivot-File in its Wheel, so as insensibly to recover the lost Ground, and to dress in an exact Line with it.—By this Mode, the Angle on which all the Divisions of a Column are alternately to wheel, will never be too long occupied, so as to obstruct, or retard the Wheel of a succeeding Division.

Some further General Orders, and Instructions, extracted chiefly, from His Majesty's established Regulations, to which the strictest Conformity, and Obedience is required.

HIS MAJESTY'S Clothing Regulations, expressly ordaining, that the Lappells, and Cuffs of Officers Uniforms, shall be of the same Breadth, with those of the Non-commissioned Officers, and private Men,

Men, viz. the Lappells, to be three Inches broad, and the Cuffs, three and a Half; no Deviation therefrom, is, on any Account, to be permitted, for which the Commanding Officer will be responsible.

No Alteration is to be made, either in the Size or Shape of the Hats, of the Non-commissioned Officers, and private Men, otherwise than to render them as uniform as possible, with the Pattern-Hat, approved of by His Majesty, and which is deposited, for that express Purpose, at the Comptroller's Office:—Nor are any other Alterations to be made, in the Clothing, or Appointments of a Regiment, without the Consent and Approbation first obtained of its Colonel, who is the responsible Person, both to his Majesty, and the Public, for the Appearance of the Regiment, with regard to these Articles.

As Regiments have adopted different Modes, of dressing the Mens' Hair behind, it is His Majesty's Pleasure,

Pleasure, that both Officers, and Men in general, when under Arms, or on Duty, (the Fuzileer-Corps, and the Grenadier and Light Infantry Companies, when they wear their Caps, excepted,) shall, for the future, wear their Hair *clubbed*: The Non-commissioned Officers, and Men, to have a small Piece of black polished Leather, by Way of Ornament, upon the Club.

The Whole are to wear black Stocks.

The Officers are to wear black Cloth Gayters, uniform with those of the Men, on all Duties, except upon a March, when they may be permitted to wear Boots.

His Majesty's Regulations, respecting the Attendance of Officers at Quarters, are to be inviolably observed;—nor are Officers to be suffered, so long as They remain there, to wear any other Clothes, than their Regimentals.—Officers, who presume to absent themselves from their respective Corps, without Leave, must expect, on being reported to

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His Majesty, to be immediately proceeded against, as His Majesty is determined, for the future, to punish every such Breach of Military Discipline, in the most exemplary Manner.

The 10th of March, being the Day appointed for all Absentees belonging to Corps in England, to join;—and the tenth of April, for such as belong to Corps in Scotland, all Officers without Distinction, are required to pay the strictest Obedience to this Order, and not to fail to repair to their respective Regiments, at the Periods above specified---and to remain with them, at least till after the Spring-Review has taken place, unless they shall have obtained Leave of Absence, from His Majesty, or the Commander in Chief, which is not to be applied for except on very urgent Occasions.

In regard to Officers, belonging to Regiments on Foreign Stations, it is expected, that a due Rotation of Duty be enforced among them, by the

the Care and Attention of their respective Colonels, so that no Officer be suffered to be absent, for too long a Period, at one Time, notwithstanding there should not be an immediate Call from the Regiment for more Officers than might be then present;—and that the Applications for the Renewal of Leaves of Absence, be made early enough, to admit of communicating them, if granted, to the respective Governors, or Commanding Officers abroad, before the Expiration of their former Leaves, as the Pay of Officers, who shall appear by the Returns to be *absent without Leave*, will unavoidably be respited, upon settling the Accounts of the Regiments, they belong to.

Such Field Officers, or Others, as may happen to have the Rank of Major Generals, (effective Colonels of Corps excepted,) are not, on that Account to be exempted from paying equal Attention with other Regimental Officers, to the Regulations, respecting their Attendance at Quarters; His Majesty having already signified

signified His Royal Pleasure, that notwithstanding such Rank, they were still expected to superintend, and to be accountable for, the good Order and Discipline of the Corps, they belong to;—and that, although They would not be any longer required, either to do Duty in the Line, as Field-Officers; or to take their Tour, according to Regimental Rotation, as before, at Quarters;—yet They were still to consider it, as an indispensable Part of their Duty, to give such Attendance there, as might be necessary, for the above mentioned, most essential Purposes;—and that their presence at the Annual Reviews in particular, is not to be dispensed with, on any Account whatsoever, without His Majesty's Permission, expressly obtained for that Purpose, unless the Reviewing General should happen to be junior to them in Rank.

It being of the most essential Consequence to the Army, that the Recruiting Service should be carried

on with Diligence, His Majesty requires the Commanding Officers of Corps in general, to pay a strict, and unremitting Attention, to the Conduct of the Officers, employed on that Duty; and to make use of every Exertion within their Power, that may tend to promote the Success of their Parties.—And as His Majesty's Regulations expressly require, that all Regiments shall be complete to their full Establishment, every Spring, His Majesty is most graciously pleased to add further, that no Commanding Officer of a Corps, can more effectually recommend himself to His Royal Notice, and Favour, than by fulfilling that most important Part of his Duty, which requires his keeping the Corps under his Command, always complete, and in constant Readiness for immediate Service.

BY HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND.

WILLIAM FAWCETT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL.

